

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-17 and 21-23 are pending; claims 18-20 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-14, 16 and 23 were rejected, and claims 15, 17, 21 and 22 were objected to.

Claim 1 has been amended to further limit L<sup>1</sup>. The amendment is supported throughout the specification, and adds no new matter. It also is believed to place the claims in condition for allowance, as suggested by the acknowledged allowability of claim 21, in which L<sup>1</sup> is a C3-C6 alkylene or alkenylene chain. This amendment was presented in an After Final amendment, and the Advisory Action responsive to that amendment indicated that it was permissible (indicating that it did not raise new matter issues), and would overcome the cited references in the outstanding 103 rejection. However, it was not entered because it would “allow an expansion of the search and/or rejoinder of the method claims.”

The Applicants appreciate the prompt Advisory Action, and now present the same amendment with a Request for Continued Examination. The Applicants would like to have the search expanded in view of the amendment of claim 1, and to have the method of use claims (claims 18-20) rejoined once the composition claims are deemed to be allowable.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 381092001600. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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